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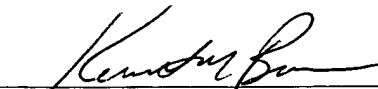
In connection with the above-referenced patent application and in response to the Office Action dated April 5, 2006 in connection therewith, and further in connection with the Request for Continued Examination (RCE) filed concurrently herewith, Applicant hereby amends claim 1, which, along with dependent claims 2-10 (which depend therefrom), stands rejected under 35 U.S.C. 112, second paragraph as being indefinite for failing to particularly point out and distinctly claim the subject matter which applicant regards as the invention. In particular, the Examiner has rejected apparatus claims 1-10, stating that “[a]lthough there is a description of a physical connection of cables, antennas and ports, there is no indication of how the connectivity between one or more device ports is determined.”

In response to the outstanding rejection, therefore, Applicant has amended apparatus claim 1 herein to recite “means” for performing each of the steps of allowable method claim 11. As such, Applicant submits that the basis of the outstanding rejection is overcome, since the recited “means” provide precisely the missing “indication of how the connectivity between one or more device ports is determined.” Moreover, since the limitations contained in apparatus claim 1 (and, therefore, dependent claims 2-10), as amended, comprise identical subject matter to corresponding limitations of allowable method claim 11, Applicant respectfully submits that claims 1-10 are now allowable as well.

Having resolved all of the outstanding objections and rejections, and having only allowable claims pending in the instant application, Applicant respectfully submits that the application is in condition for allowance. Reconsideration of this application is respectfully requested in light of this submission. The Examiner is invited to telephone applicant's attorney, Kenneth M. Brown, at (908) 582 - 5998, should there be any questions or issues for discussion in the reconsideration of the pending application.

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